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1-13 (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) ~~A composition of matter~~ synergistic mixture for enhancing the brightness of bleached pulp comprising:

- a) from about 40 weight % to about 60 weight % water;
- b) from about 20 weight % to about 95 weight %
diethylenetriaminepentakis(methyl)phosphonic acid or its known salts;
- c) from about 5 weight % to about 50 weight % polyacrylic acid or its known salts;
and optionally
- d) from about 1 weight % to about 20 weight % of one or more inert compounds.

15. (currently amended) ~~The composition~~ synergistic mixture of Claim 14 comprising

- a) about 50 weight % water;
- b) about 29 weight % diethylenetriaminepentakis(methyl)phosphonic acid or its
known salts;
- c) about 14 weight % polyacrylic acid or its known salts;
and
- d) about 7 weight % of one or more inert compounds.

16. (currently amended) ~~The composition~~ synergistic mixture of Claim 14 wherein said diethylenetriaminepentakis(methyl)phosphonic acid or its known salts is sodium diethylenetriaminepentakis(methylene) phosphonate.

17. (currently amended) ~~The composition~~ synergistic mixture of Claim 14 wherein said polyacrylic acid or its known salts is sodium polyacrylate.

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18. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ synergistic mixture of Claim 14 wherein said ~~about 7 weight % of one or more~~ inert compounds are selected from the group consisting of sodium sulfate, ammonium sodium sulfate and sodium chloride.

19. (currently amended) The ~~composition~~ synergistic mixture of claim 18 wherein the inert compounds ~~are~~ contained in said composition comprise at least about 4.5 weight % sodium chloride, about 0.25 weight % ammonium sodium sulfate and about 2.25 weight % sodium sulfate.